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A BIG PROJECT.

The Object of Leong Kai Chu's Trip Across the Pacific.

The Chinese reform leader, Leong Kai Chu, who arrived on the liner Empress of India, this afternoon, has an object in view besides arousing and stimulating interest in the widespread reform movement. As is well known, the fundamental idea of the propaganda of Hang Yu Wah and his colleagues is progress, and the Reform Association, which he represents, has been doing its best to prove that there is something in the movement besides patriotic commonplaces. Leong Kai Chu, first lieutenant, has been dispatched to San Francisco to make arrangements of a big enterprise started by the Reform Association, the organization of an extensive transportation company, which will probably have its headquarters in Hong Kong, from which port the company's steamers will be put to all parts of the world. Funds will be raised by the reformers in China. But the amount of the latter continent alone \$100,000 has been raised. From this province the great Chinese reformer will leave for California in the interests of the scheme.

NEWSPAPER MEN RESIGN.

Night Editor Lawrence Macrae and City Editor F. I. Clarke Resign With the Colonist.

Lawrence Macrae, night editor of the Colonist, has tendered his resignation, to take effect at the end of the week. Mr. Macrae has been connected with the morning paper for eleven years, and during those eleven years, with the exception of the last two, during which he was appointed as city editor of the Globe. He is a newspaper man of tried ability and wide experience, and during his association with the Victoria dailies has made a legion of friends both among the members of the fourth estate and in other walks of life.

F. I. Clarke, who has presided over the reportorial department of the Colonist as city editor for some time past, has also severed his connection with the papers. Mr. Clarke is a member of the musical ranks, and was connected with the Winnipeg dailies for years before coming to the Coast.

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## FIRES AT PORTLAND.

(Associated Press.)

Portland, Ore., March 3.—Fire in the Kum block early today destroyed property valued at \$180,000. The principal losses are T. Kum, Lipman, Wolfe & Co., \$100,000; and T. Kum & Co., owners of the building, \$50,000.

## COMING MARRIAGE.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 3.—It is announced that Adele Ritchie, the comic opera actress, and during her association with the Victoria dailies has made a legion of friends both among the members of the fourth estate and in other walks of life.

—Superior cutlery from Rogers & Sons, Ltd., and Geo. Butler of Sheffield. The trust steel is alone used by these respectable houses. See our show window on Government street. Weller Bros.

## CITY CAN HANDLE BIG CONVENTIONS

### THE DELEGATES SAY THEY ARE DELIGHTED

Victoria's Charms as a Convention Headquarters Admirably Displayed — Gatherings for Summer.

The first annual convention of the B. C. Mining Association belongs to history. It has been so thoroughly successful and important and therefore so replete with interest that it must stand in the vanguard of public movements born of an honest desire and active determination to improve the conditions of the country. It has been said, and surely with much force, that a great feature of the convention has been its educational character. It has shown that the mining industry does not belong altogether to those engaged in extracting wealth from the earth, but to those in other pursuits as well.

This big meeting has been educational in a direction which should prove extremely gratifying to the people of this city, if they have taken the trouble to ponder over the matter. It has shown that Victoria can well take care of conventions. It would be assurance dangerously approximating egotism if the citizens patted each other on the back without being fortified by the sentiment of visitors. But fortunately that sentiment has been expressed with exceptional liberality, and the local populace can well be pardoned a feeling of elation. The convention is to be held here next year. Surely that decision, practically unanimous, expresses the sentiment of the visitors on the charms of this city as a convention headquarters.

It was any place in the province more suitable it would have had a score of colonies. The convention was representative of every locality, and although the delegates did not make their loyal speeches on the various important questions showed that they had the interests of their respective communities at heart, they felt that they could not honestly suggest a place more satisfactory for the purpose of a convention than the capital city of the province.

The weather couldn't be surpassed, while the delegates to a man most heartily appreciated the cordiality of their reception. Everybody was more than pleased. He was delighted, for there wasn't a hitch from the time the delegates first convened and elected Mr. Keen chairman until last night, when they assembled at the Driard to do honor to Mr. Hobson, the founder of the organization. It is impossible to estimate the benefits to be derived by this city from the advertisement it will receive as a result of the convention. It plays right into the hands of the Tourist Association, and more than ever stimulates its members to endeavor to secure every convention it can.

Conventions have already been arranged for other places, the association will leave no stone unturned in its efforts to attract delegates here on their way home. For instance, there will be a couple of large gatherings in California in May and August. The Presbyterian Church of the United States will meet in Los Angeles. By liberal arrangement there is no reason why a certain proportion of these delegates should not make the trip north en route to their homes, and once within a hundred miles of this city they will fall victim to its charms. The Grand Army of the Republic will meet in Frisco in August. Victoria should get some of them to be between four and five hundred delegates in attendance.

Another convention having to do with the mining industry will be held here during the summer, when the Canadian Mining Engineers will meet for their annual deliberations. A body of newspaper men will hold forth in June, the Washington Press Association having unanimously decided to gather in what they are calling "Beautiful Victoria." The General Presbyterian Assembly of Canada will convene in August. Victoria before returning home. Their tickets will carry them to this city without any additional charge.

Altogether the Tourist Association and citizens will have a very busy time. The association didn't fail to keep the mining delegates well supplied with some of its choice literature while they were here. Many copies of "Picturesque Victoria," the booklet recently issued, will through them be circulated all over the province. This little publication is one of the newest ever issued in any city, and contains impressions expressed by visitors to Victoria, as a tourist resort. Among those quoted are the Prince and Princess of Wales, E. F. Knight, the well-known

London correspondent; members of the various newspaper staffs of the United States, members of the contingent of Old Country newspaper men, who visited this city some time ago, and others. The half dozen were presented by the British Columbia Engraving Company, and reflect great credit on the local institution. The Colonist was responsible for the very article cover and for the press work.

### LEGAL NEWS,

Applications in Chambers—March Sitting of Supreme Court.

Mr. Justice Drake presided in Chambers this morning and disposed of the following applications:

Wellington Colliery Company, Ltd., vs. Van Andel Copper Company.—An application for an order substituting service of the writ of summons herein. Order made that service be substituted by advertisement in a Seattle daily paper. H. Maurice Hills for application.

Victoria Yukon Co. vs. British Yukon Co.—Summons for security for costs. Stood over. Elliott for plaintiffs, Casidy for defendants.

R. Hedley City.—The application to adjourn the case was further adjourned. L. P. Duff, K.C., for application.

The March sitting of the Supreme court commenced this morning at 11 o'clock, but was adjourned until to-morrow morning, as counsel were not ready to proceed. The following cases are set down for trial: Wilson vs. Pacific Steel Co., and Macaulay Bros. vs. V. Y. Trading Co.

IMPERIAL SUBJECTS  
WILL BE DISCUSSED

Resolutions Which Canadian Manufacturers Will Submit to Chambers of Commerce Meeting.

(Associated Press)

Toronto, March 3.—Resolutions to be submitted by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association at the forthcoming meeting of the Chambers of Commerce to be held in Montreal in August next have been drawn up. The resolutions adopted are twelve in number, and are as follows:

1. That British capital and emigration be directed more to the colonies than to foreign countries.

2. That various colonies should undertake to contribute to the expense of imperial defence.

3. That a reciprocal preferential tariff be established within the Empire.

4. That all treaties between Great Britain and foreign countries should leave Great Britain free to enter into such relations with the colonies and dependencies as might be deemed expedient.

5. The establishment of a fast steamship service between various ports of the Empire.

6. The adoption of decimal currency and metric system.

7. The establishment of intercolonial commercial consuls.

8. Imperial postage system throughout the Empire, not only on letters, but on printed matter and parcels.

9. In all contracts for public works preference to be given British subjects.

10. An Imperial commission to visit all parts of the Empire and prepare a report pointing out the resources of various portions, and show how they may best be developed in the interests of the whole.

11. That facilities should be arranged whereby news to and from different parts of the Empire should be transmitted entirely through British channels, and not be subject, as at present, to censorship and influence of foreign governments.

12. That if the large tracts of land to the north of Canada are not at the present time part of our Dominion, or of the Empire, and held with a clear title, steps should at once be taken to have possession established.

### FRIENDLY HELP.

Meeting Held This Morning—Letter From Matti Kurikka.

The following letter was kindly sent gratis of clothing to the friendly help association of the Relief Fund of the sufferers by the recent fire at Maliby, Island.

Dear Miss Perrin—I really find myself unable to express that feeling of thankfulness that yours and others' kindness and generosity have raised among my friends and neighbors the desire to help us to show ourselves worthy of that benevolence.

Sincerely yours,

MATTI KURIKKA.

President Maliby Kansa Colonization Co., Limited.

At the meeting held this morning the following donations were thankfully acknowledged: Cash, Miss Woods, Mr. McRae and the City Council; Mr. H. Croft, Mr. J. Miller, Miss Gowans, Mr. James, Mrs. Hickaby, Mrs. D. R. Ker, Mrs. Beade, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Elberta, Mr. McLean, Mr. Greg, Mrs. Bone, Mrs. Green, Mrs. McDonald, Mr. A. Moore, Mrs. Goodall, Mrs. J. Irving and Mrs. Cornwall.

Forty persons received and regard the same with pleasure. Owing to so many being out of work, a large amount of money was spent in meat, groceries and fuel during February. The treasure is greatly increased from month to month.

The date of the annual meeting is fixed for Thursday, March 19th, at 11 o'clock.

### BOGUUS POLICIES.

Large Sums Reported to Have Been Obtained From Insurance Companies.

(Associated Press)

New York, March 3.—The records of the department of statistics in the health department, according to Mr. E. F. Krotow, Attorney Krotow, have been invaded and changed by the hand of \$1,000,000 insurance companies through employees of the department, by which the sums have been collected upon bogus insurance policies which would not otherwise have been paid. Hundreds of death certificates I have been allowed to show a case of death which could not be questioned by insurance companies." A strict investigation is being made.

## MINISTER PLEASED WITH ELECTION

### WILL STRENGTHEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Only Seven Straight Conservatives Returned in New Brunswick—Notes From Ottawa.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 3.—Hon. A. G. Blair has returned from New Brunswick, where he was fighting for the Tweedie government, which was sustained. The contest was on party lines, the first time since Confederation that this has taken place. There are 46 seats in the province. Of these 36 Liberals were elected to support the government, two Liberals in the opposition and one Independent Conservative supporting the government.

Leaves only seven straight Conservatives elected in the whole province. Hon. Mr. Blair is greatly pleased, and says the result will strengthen the Dominion government. Some newspapers were saying during the contest that Hon. Mr. Blair was at one time a Conservative. He denied this. He said that he had been a Liberal all his life, and only once under special circumstances had he voted for a Conservative.

Mr. Colmer's Successor.

W. L. Griffith, Canadian government agent at Cardiff, Wales, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Colmer in the high commissioners' office, London, England. Mr. Griffith, before going to Cardiff, was for several years a resident of Manitoba, and a renowned pioneer life there. Hon. Clifford Sifton appointed Mr. Griffith to go to Wales in 1897 to do immigration work. He has been one of the most successful agents in the Old Country, and has lost no chance in placing the advantages of Canada as a field for immigration before the people.

The Chinese Question.

The Evening Journal says: "Senator Templeman, who had charge of the political campaign in Burrard, and who succeeded in having the government candidate elected by a large majority after a stiff fight, is more convinced than ever that the Chinese trouble on the Pacific coast should be dealt with. Mr. Templeman has all along maintained this in his newspaper, and has not changed his views since he became a minister of the crown. Burrard is the second by-election that the Senator and his political friends carried since the last general election, notwithstanding that they had to face the charge that the Dominion government was not voicing the views of the people of the province in respect to Oriental immigration. To make matters worse the provincial government was passing legislation outside its jurisdiction, which would have the effect, if not vetoed, of excluding Japanese as well as Chinese. The Imperial government would not allow anti-Japanese legislation, and even if it did, the need for it has now disappeared as Japan has taken the matter up and prevented immigration to Canada. There is, therefore, the Chinese question alone to be dealt with, and it may be taken for granted that Mr. Templeman will lay the same views as forcibly and effectively before his colleagues in the cabinet as he did in the by-elections in Vancouver and Victoria, both of which returned government supporters."

Oil and Fertilizer.

The Fisheries department is informed of an investment Pacific coast Japs have made on the advice of their own authorities in a factory to convert waste fish into oil and fertilizer. It is against the Fisheries Act of Canada to use fish as fertilizer, but the department will probably make an exception in this case as immense quantities of herring are washed up on the shore of Vancouver Island. If the operations of the concern threaten the fish life of those waters the department will order that the works be closed.

### RESOLUTIONS MIXED.

Misplaced Motion in the Report of the Mining Convention at Victoria Morning's Meeting.

In yesterday's report of the mining convention the resolution introduced by Mr. Hédebrand and Smith Curtis, and to which the latter spoke, was incorrectly given. The resolution which appeared was that introduced by Smith Curtis, M. P. P., dealing with the opening of the coal lands now held by the Dominion government in the Crow's Nest. The resolution upon which the discussion turned by Mr. Curtis was based, was as follows:

Whereas certain provincial lands comprising mineral deposits of coal or lignite or both, notably in the northern corner of the Queen Charlotte Islands, have not yet been reserved, thereby preventing development and the use of the lands for the revenue of the province; and whereas the Canadian Pacific railroad is improperly laying claim to the said lands in the southern portion of the islands.

Resolved, That the provincial government be urged to resist to the uttermost the said claims of the railroad.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.  
Daily Report furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 3—5 a.m.—An extensive high barometer area and cold wave still persist over British Columbia and the Territories, while from Oregon southward the wave to Utah the barometer is abnormally low. These conditions are causing high northerly winds in the vicinity, and a northward drift of air from Cape Flattery has fallen in California and snow in Eastern Oregon. The temperature is down to zero in Canada and below it east of the Rockies.

For 26 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday, Victoria and vicinity fresh to strong northeasterly wind, fair and cold to-day and Wednesday.

Mr. Barnard—Northerly and easterly winds, from the strong on the Gulf, fair and cold to-day and Wednesday.

Report.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 28; minimum, 38; wind, 20 miles N. E.; weather, clear.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 28; minimum, 28; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 18; minimum, 16; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 22; minimum, zero; wind, calm; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, 48; minimum, 45; wind, 6 miles N. W.; rain, 18; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 16; minimum, 0; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, clear.

### Passengers.

For steamer Princess Louise from Vancouver, Captain J. D. Draper, W. H. Weston, D. McNaughton, H. Harris, J. B. Kade, W. J. Bradforth, Thos Cunningham, C. F. Williams, D. G. Thompson, J. H. Harvey, J. Phillips, J. Welton, P. Smith, Dr. Haynes, W. Moss, A. D. Dodds, H. Berube, J. G. Burns, A. E. Thor, F. E. Harrison, Mrs. S. H. Matson, Capt. G. Powell and child, J. Morris, Capt. W. Stewart.

For steamer Majestic from the Sound—O. McLean, Wm. Wilson, Mrs. Ross Duns, Capt. G. B. Jackson, Capt. E. B. Borth, E. M. Borth, A. Haptom, J. Currie, J. Green, Adam Collins, G. Bennett, A. Macneill, A. Grant and wife, A. Sutherland, R. Ross, Capt. J. McLean, Capt. John Kepart, C. W. Steeney and wife, J. O'Heir, J. Muller, A. G. Munson, H. W. Smith, Jas Farney and wife, J. Wilson, Jas Edwards, Jas Haggerty, wife and daughter, J. W. Cutler, J. L. Peterson, S. E. Smith, J. Whitefield, L. A. Lewis, Mrs. Garretson, J. D. Morrison and wife, Jas. Gillis and wife, Miss Ferri, R. Newall, S. P. Flannery and wife, J. Norman, Jas. Gillis and wife, Miss Gillis, B. Foreman and wife, Jas. Garvey, B. Loomis, S. & Louis, R. B. Booth, Jas Booth, Fred Knudsen.

### Consignees.

Per steamer Queen from San Francisco—G. H. Romhart, D. Spencer, R. A. Brown & Co., T. Boston & Co., Union Brew Co., Weller Bros., E. G. Prior & Co., T. A. Clark, W. H. Weston, J. D. Draper, J. C. Pitts, S. Pitts, H. Good, S. Lester & Co., E. B. Martin & Co., Pichon & L. M. & H. A. Fox, Peden Bros., H. E. Levy, B. A. Paint Co., B. C. Electric Co., Vic Mach Depot.

REGULAR PRACTITIONER—NO REBUILT.—Mrs. Annie C. Chestnut of Whistler was for months a rheumatic victim, but South American Rheumatic Cure relieved her of all trouble. "I am now," she says, "in full health and comfort again." She says, "I suffered infinite misery from rheumatism—doctors' medicines did me no good at all. I consulted many of South America's rheumatic cure experts, and received two bottles after the first dose, sold by Jackson & Co. and Hell & Co.—50.

## CAR LINE TO BE FURTHER EXTENDED

### CONTINUED ALONG GOVERNMENT STREET

Other Business Before Last Night's Council—Petition for Reduction of Fire Limits.

There was a lengthy programme of business before the meeting of the city council last night, amongst the most important of which were briefly another request from the Tramway Company, asking that the 30-day notice be waived in the extension of its line from where one section now ends at the corner of Johnston street, out Government street to the car sheds; a petition in regard to a reduction of the fire limits; a decision to expend \$4,500 on the improvement of the outer wharf road; the calling of tenders for watering the streets, and of application for the position of manager of the Old Men's Home, and the consideration of a number of resolutions from the Voters' League and Chamber of Commerce, in addition to the usual budget of communications.

The Tourist Association informed by the body asking that the council join with it in asking Dr. Fagan to report on sewerage emptying into Victoria harbor, with a view to abating the nuisance. Referred to the streets, sewers and bridges committee.

T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, gave notice of his intention to extend its track along Government street to connect with its line running into the car shed. The writer asked that the council waive the 30-day notice required by regulation. Referred to the city solicitor for his opinion, to be submitted at a meeting on Wednesday.

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The city solicitor pointed out that the company would have to deposit a plan of the work to be done, but he found that Government street was mentioned in the schedule.

Ald. Barnard—Has the city solicitor any doubts about the company's power in going about the work?

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Ald. Vincent moved an amendment that the request of the company be granted. The amendment, however, was lost.

A. J. Morley, secretary of the Voters' League, forwarded a copy of a resolution regarding the appointment of a board of harbor commissioners and asking that a time be fixed to confer with the Voters' League, board of trade and chamber of commerce, with a view to pressing the subject upon the Dominion government.

The request was granted, the time for the meeting being left in the hands of the Mayor.

Mr. Morley also enclosed another resolution from the same source, requesting that the terms of the Victoria Terminal Railway By-law be closely followed out.

Received and filed, the league to be informed that the council is giving the by-law its serious consideration.

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City Clerk Dowler reported as follows:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to inform you that since the last regular meeting of the council, no applications for tenders have been received and referred to the city engineer for report, namely:

Reconstruction of bridge, drawing the attention of the council to the condition of the drains on the south side of Dundas street.

Beaumont Boggs, asking if something cannot be done to improve the condition of the bridge.

Lee & Fraser, calling attention to the broken condition of the drain on Chatham street, east of Douglas street.

Received and filed.

The city solicitor reported that the city was not compelled to furnish a supply of water on the Grant estate.

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The sanitary inspector reported as follows:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to inform you that in compliance with your instructions I have the honor to report upon the complaints received by me at the last meeting of the city council.

He communication from Wm. Duck, in reference to sewage running on the street front of his residence, wash house, corner of North Park and Commercial streets, and analysed same, and found matters as stated, and concluded that no action need be taken in the matter.

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Received and filed.

The city solicitor reported that the city was not compelled to furnish a supply of water on the Grant estate.

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THE END NOT YET.

It seems the press of the province was a trifle premature in assuming that the result of the election in West Yale practically sealed the doom of the government of Colonel Prior. There is a factor in the situation they failed to reckon with, a factor which, in the light of the political history of the past few years, they should have taken into consideration before concluding that the present administration was tottering to its fall. The following letter, which appeared in the Vancouver World, will explain:

Editor World: I was very much surprised to read your editorial of last evening, urging that a new government should be formed under the leadership of Mr. McBride.

I have no hesitation in saying that as between a government with Mr. McBride at its head and having as colleagues his principal supporters in the present House, I would very much prefer the present government.

I wish it distinctly understood that I will not in any way assist in defeating the present government unless it is most clearly and distinctly understood and agreed that no attempt will be made to form any other combination in the present House, but that an immediate appeal will be taken to the country in order that the practically unanimous desire of the people of this province to conduct provincial affairs on party lines may be carried out.

I have very serious objection to much of the proposed legislation of the Prior government, but I am well aware that Mr. McBride and his supporters oppose said legislation, not because it is against their principles, but because they wish to harass the government.

I have abundance of proof that they would be willing to go much further in subsidizing railways without restrictions in favor of the public, than even the Prior government was prepared to do, provided that they were in return for these concessions allowed to occupy the treasury benches.

The fact that their actions are not guided by any principle is clearly shown by their willingness to enter into a combination with Mr. Ebers and become responsible for all that gentleman's political sins, while for private and personal reasons of their own they were not willing to make the same combinations with Col. Prior.

I hope your editorial was not inspired by Mr. McBride or any of his supporters. I have agreed with them to assist in defeating the Prior government, but only upon the express condition that they were to make no attempt to carry on the affairs of the country with the present House.

Your editorial alarms me, and I certainly shall move very carefully in the future, and take every means in my power to prevent any action of mine having the effect of substituting Mr. McBride and his cohorts for Col. Prior and the present government.

I am however, thoroughly convinced that it is in the interest of the people of the province to put a speedy end to the present government, and unless I have the clearest proof to the contrary, I will not believe that Mr. McBride and his friends have any intention of perpetrating any such double shuffle upon myself and other members of the House who feel as I do in this connection.

Yours truly,

JOSEPH MARTIN.

Vancouver, Feb. 23, 1903.

In view of the above, let not any man in his haste henceforth say that he can foretell what a day may bring forth to the politicians of British Columbia. Mr. Martin strongly supported Mr. Semlin, the candidate of the opposition, against the nominee of the government in West Yale. He issued a circular clearly setting forth his reasons for desiring the defeat of the government. Now it appears it is the introduction of "party lines" that is necessary, not the defeat of the Prior administration, to secure for British Columbia the government that will give her political peace and commercial and industrial prosperity. Consequently, the versatile member for Vancouver, if he cannot dictate the terms upon which the affairs of the province shall be conducted by the party having the sentiment of the majority of the electorate behind it, will use what influence he possesses to keep the representatives of the minority in power. Stable, efficient government and the enactment of laws

necessary to the advancement of the interests of the province are matters of no moment compared with the enforcement of "party lines" and the elevation of ambitious men to the leadership of party factions.

People who cannot rise to the high altruistic heights from which the members for Vancouver look down with contempt upon the grovelling of meaner men may say that Mr. Martin desired the election of Mr. Semlin in order that his position as arbiter of the destinies of government might not be impaired. Others who cannot comprehend unselfishness and independence will probably say he resented the efforts of the government to wrench itself free from his grasp and was determined to maintain his ascendancy.

It is well to keep the balance evenly maintained in order that it may not be depressed to one side or the other at the will of the manipulator. Practical politicians know how to manage these things and what an advantage it is to have a "seinch" on a government. In any case, it appears that masters are practically as they were when the House prorogued last year. The Major government will yield in all points to its hosts rather than resign. And so matters may go on until time puts an end to the life of the present ill-starred assembly, unless in one of the erratic fits to which the master of the administration is subject he should rise up and smash the "works," and laugh in derision at the havoc he has wrought.

It is quite clear that the introduction of "party lines" cannot be brought about by the intransigence of the Prior government in power until the end of the term of the present legislature. The Colonel is not the man to yield to the demands of Conservatives, cast his colleagues in the government aside and surrender his title to political leadership. If the present assembly passes out of existence in the usual timely fashion the government will have the right to appeal to the country as a government, which will be sufficient to preclude the effective introduction of federal party lines. Therefore it is up to Mr. Martin to put forth more plausible reason for his decision to support the government.

As we have often pointed out, the ways of the politicians of British Columbia are past finding out. There was a reason for the confidence of the government in its ability to command a majority in the House. The foundation for this confidence has apparently been revealed. If there is to be a dissolution, it will not be for a little while.

## NEW BRUNSWICK ELECTIONS.

The provincial elections in New Brunswick, held on Saturday last, have more than a passing interest. Hitherto federal party lines have not been observed in the local arena in that province. Four years ago Mr. Foster sought to have the established rule in that regard departed from, and at a Conservative convention held at Moncton, a party-line fight against the government was declared. The result was a great victory for the administration, but it was only incidentally a Liberal triumph, because the administration which contained some Conservatives, did not accept Mr. Foster's challenge. But, like the Bourbons, the New Brunswick Conservatives never learn anything, and, believing that they could distinguish a rift in the Liberal ranks, they resolved once more to measure their strength with their opponents. This time their challenge was promptly met, and the result has been a solid victory for the Liberals. It is worth nothing that in the interval between the two elections the Conservative members of the government, including the Premier, have cast in their lot with the Liberal party.

There is room for doubt as to the nature of the issue. W. H. Thorne, the principal owner of the St. John Sun and the real Conservative leader in New Brunswick, caused himself to be interviewed in Montreal a few weeks before the election, when he told the Gazette that they were going into the fight because "if the Tweedie government had defeated Mr. Blair's right arm will be gone." The words were hardly out of Mr. Thorne's mouth before Mr. Blair was off to New Brunswick to see that his good right arm was not seriously impaired. He accepted the issue without equivocation. Addressing the electors in St. John on his arrival, he told them that he had come there because "it was his business to see that in New Brunswick nothing occurs to weaken the Liberal party." He also said: "If you are to carry on the government of this Dominion successfully by the Liberal party, you must recognize the principle that Dominion politics must dominate the politics of the province." On this issue the Liberals won by nearly four to one. The result is a great personal triumph for Mr. Blair and a splendid vindication for the Liberal party, which thus has become supreme in a province which twelve years ago was regarded as a Conservative stronghold.

A Canadian billiard player has beaten the champion of America and tied in games won with the champion of France. The contests took place in Paris too. Mr. Sutton is claimed by the United States press as an American of course. But he was born and trained in Quebec or Galt, in the province of Ontario, and gained a reputation as an expert in Toronto.

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## THE BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

To the Editor:—The Alaskan boundary is to be determined by means of a most unique board of arbitration. It may be that an agreement will be come to—it is indeed devoutly to be wished—yet, it is only reasonable that there should be some misgivings. The proposed constitution of the board on the part of the United States is not such as could reasonably have been expected. Without discussing the names proposed—and considering their abilities, which cannot be denied—it is worthy of remark that they are active politicians; and, it can hardly be said that men in active political life can fulfill the requirement of being "jurists"; they may be most erudite, but, so long as they are in the atmosphere of active politics, it is submitted that internationally they do not come within the understood term of "jurists," especially where the affairs of nations are to be passed upon, and they are acting in the interests of their own nation.

There can be no question that a condition precedent to the embarkation upon an inquiry, such as has been determined upon, should be the appointment, upon both sides, of well known and acknowledged jurists—men preferably from the bench. It is not difficult for the United States to make selection out of the many men of renown in its judiciary, men of international reputation. This is also the case with Great Britain, inclusive of the dominions beyond the seas.

The composition of the board of arbitration, especially as it is to be without an umpire, should be such as would call forth from both countries the united declaration that the persons thereof are acting in the interests of their own nation.

It is true that we in Canada look with some distrust upon arrangements had and come to by the Imperial government with the United States. This is owing to the mistakes of the past, and Canada must see to it that the mistakes are to be only those of the past. It must not be forgotten that British statesmen are men with tremendous responsibilities upon them, and whilst they are in every way desirous of conserving the best interests of the Empire, it is most essential, where Canada's interests are at stake, that Canada's attachment and Canada's people should be alive to the conditions and demands of and advised and given protection, where necessary.

The position attained by Canada now is one of nationhood; and, as the Monroe doctrine would seem to be admitted by Great Britain, it should be well understood that in admitting it means that the United States shall not be allowed a foot more of the North American continent than she can clearly establish her right to, and that Canada is to have preserved to her every foot of the North American continent which is hers as of right. In blaming England, as has been done, for being careless in not maintaining territory rightfully belonging to Canada, it must not be forgotten that little information was obtainable and no local aid given. But that time is past. Canada's statesmen have now most solemn duty and grave responsibility, and to the people they must answer. It is to be hoped that the Dominion government will most respectfully, but most firmly, protest, through the proper channel of communication, against the names proposed upon the part of the United States, and suggest that jurists of known repute be appointed, free of political entanglements.

It is to be hoped that in the appointment of those to represent His Britannic Majesty, attention will be paid to the need of appointing one or two who, in view of known repute, have some special knowledge and acquaintance with the territory in question. This knowledge will increase by those appointed by the United States, as residence alone on this continent carries with it some considerable knowledge of this kind, especially in the case of those resident on the Pacific coast, as undoubtedly the matter for adjudication has been of a public nature for some time.

Reverting to the question of England's forgetfulness of the past, let us not forget that even our fellow-countrymen and the government of the day at Ottawa, as well as past governments, have at times given such attention to matters of importance in the West as we would wish, and loss has been sustained by reason of insufficient local knowledge.

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edge. This being the case, we cannot wonder at the mistakes of the past, but we must see that they do not occur in the future. It would be a fitting and graceful act upon the part of the Imperial government to consult with the Dominion government as to the representatives to be appointed, and the Dominion government in recommending names should not be unmindful of the vast importance of the matter, and the responsibility of the individuals selected. In recommending should be careful to nominate the highest ability and force of character. The latter is indeed essential. Great Britain in all her late selections has evinced care in this direction, notably, Lord Herschell, Lord Russell of Killowen, Lord Alverstone and Lord MacNaughton. The bench of Canada affords room for a good selection; and as this matter is eminently a western matter, a Pacific coast matter, the bench of the West ought not be overlooked. It is fitting here to remark that both the bench and the bar of the West are invariably overlooked when appointments are being made to Canada's Supreme court. Consider that never since the constitution of the Supreme court at Ottawa, now some 23 years, has there been an appointment of any one west of Lake Superior to the Supreme court of Canada.

I note with satisfaction that a meeting is to be called to discuss matters in this arbitration. I trust that the people will turn out in great numbers and demonstrate to the Dominion government that not only is it a matter of national importance, but if it is one in which British Columbia is vitally interested and a question that calls for full consideration of the representations made by British Columbia. Further, the question is undeniably one of great importance and momentous consequences to Canada, and to her status as a nation and to her autonomy on the American continent. It cannot be a matter of little significance which affects so much of her Pacific seaboard.

I am one of those who is at all times willing to concede much in the cause of Imperial interests, and I am a strong Imperialist. Yet I think it should not be asked of Canada to concede anything in this matter. The United States is entitled to that, and that only, which Russia had and conveyed to her. An impartial tribunal (and I believe such a tribunal can be obtained if proper selection be made) ought to have no great difficulty in determining the matter. But let it be an impartial tribunal, and at least, devoid in its inception of partizanship.

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I am afraid there are many others like him, and can assure Dr. Parkin and others, that, if he or they will get an official copy of the Anglo-Russian treaty of 1825 and procure with it an American Nautical Chart, by the "treasury department of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, Territory of Alaska" southeast section—an American map is best on account of the ostentations dis-

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At the meeting of the Ministerial Association yesterday an interesting paper was read by Rev. Mr. Ewing on the career of the prophet Jeremiah.

A full set of the celebrated Hyam musical instruments has been ordered by the City band from a Manchester firm through M. W. Waitt &amp; Co.

The proceedings of the fifth annual meeting of the shareholders of the British Columbia Permanent Loan &amp; Savings Company are given in this issue.

The death occurred at the Jubilee hospital last evening of Clifford Russell, of Cedar Hill, from appendicitis. The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon.

Last evening a meeting of the retail grocers was held in the Sir William Wallace hall, when the association, as a body, decided to abolish the five per cent. discount.

The Point Ellice bridge will be closed to traffic to-day and to-morrow for the purpose of moving the railway track so that it will not interfere with the construction of the new bridge.

The Voters' League will hold a public meeting at the city hall this evening at 8 o'clock to consider the question of an annual agricultural exhibition. All interested in this important matter are requested to attend.

Among the new arrivals in Victoria are: J. B. McCallum and family, formerly of Vancouver. Mr. McCallum comes to fill the vacancy in the staff of the B. C. Permanent Loan &amp; Savings Co., caused through the transfer of Mr. Cranston to Halifax.

In the Sir William Wallace hall on Thursday evening the regular meeting of the Companions of the Forest will be held. After the transaction of the business of the evening dancing will take place. The ninth annual Primrose ball of the Companions takes place on Friday, April 13th, and preparations for this function are already in progress.

On Wednesday, March 11th, a meeting will be held at Central hall, Salt Spring Island, when three important matters will be considered. These are (a) the advisability of establishing a creamery for the island; (b) also a co-operative association to handle all farm produce, packing, fruit, etc.; (c) the desirability of purchasing a portable saw-mill for the island.

The injury received by Bernard Schwengen in the match between Nanaimo and Victoria has proved to be more serious than was at first thought. He has been confined to his house for the past three weeks, and it is not expected that he will be able to actively participate in any athletic game for at least twelve months. This will prevent him playing with the local baseball team this season.

Percival H. Brown, who on Saturday resigned the management of the Colonist, is opening a real estate, insurance and investment business at 35 Fort street. Mr. Brown, through his long connection with the B. C. Land and Investment agency, and other financial and commercial institutions in the city, is thoroughly in touch with the commercial life of the place, besides having the confidence of the business community. He has an attractive lot of investments which he is offering through the advertising columns of the Times.

The city librarian reports that in February there were issued 2,011 books, ladies taking 945, gentlemen 1,066. The highest number issued in one day was 153; the average number, 80. Twenty-eight new members have joined the library, 12 ladies and 16 gentlemen. Books added to the library: Edgar Allan Poe's Tales; "She" by Rider Haggard; "From Earth to Moon," by Jules Verne; "Boris, the Bear Hunter," by Jokai; "Last Words of Distinguished Men and Women," Reports, etc. State of Nevada, 1901-1902. Modern Public Libraries; Canadian Bank of Commerce, New Zealand Year Book, 1900.

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Vancouver Encampment, No. 1, I. O. O. F., will meet this evening, when the Royal Purple degree will be conferred on one patriarch. A number of delegates who are members of the patriarchal branch have been invited.

"Nanaimo won the Association football match at Duncans on Saturday by two goals to nil. Nanaimo will meet the winners of the Victoria series for the final game for the senior championship."—Nanaimo Free Press.

The crown has conducted its side in the Robinson personation case. A similar charge was preferred against John Bowe, the hearing taking place this morning. Both cases were remanded until Friday, when the defence will have its innings.

A feature of the entertainments given by the Harry Lindley company in the A. O. U. W. hall is the gymnastic exhibitions given by the Marriot brothers. They give clever exhibits of juggling with gun, baton and swords, each evening.

The Home for the Aged and Infirm acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following donations in February: Mrs. L. J. Quaglietti, Mrs. Pemberton, T. Shotholz, G. Marquay and N. Shakespeare, newspapers; Mrs. H. D. Helmick, illustrated papers; Mrs. Milligan, milk; S. G. Russell and W. J. Hanna, clothing; committees of Native Sons' ball, provisions.

Rev. H. J. Wood will deliver a lecture on "Hermida, the Land of the Lily and Rose," in the Reformed Episcopal church schoolroom on Wednesday week.

Rev. Mr. Wood is well qualified to speak on the Atlantic island, having resided there for ten years, during which he devoted a great deal of his time to scientific pursuits. The lecture will be illustrated by eighty lantern slides.

In addition to the daily services at Christ Church cathedral at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., a course of Bible readings upon "The Passion" will be given by the Bishop on Tuesday afternoons at 3.

On Wednesday evenings at 8 a series of short lectures will be delivered by Canon Beaumont on "Great Churches of the Seventeenth Century." On Friday evenings at 7:30, Rev. W. B. Allen will give a series of addresses on "The Requirements and Final Aim of Holy Communion."

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast of wind and weather that will prevail during the month of March on the North Pacific ocean is given in the North Pacific Pilot chart: To the northward of the 45th degree the wind will veer from east-northeast (with falling barometer). Immediately under the coast the more frequent direction will be southeast. To the westward of the 125th degree the most frequent direction will be northwest. Gales from all quarters will be strong and will occur at brief intervals.

Between the 40th and 45th degree north the same sequence of winds will accompany similar barometric conditions, the percentage of southerly winds diminishing as we leave the coast. To the southward of the 40th degree the prevailing direction will be northwest, and winds with easterly will be rare, especially under the coast.

NEW FRISCO LINERS.

According to yesterday's Post-Intelligencer the Pacific Coast Steamship Company contemplate placing two new steamers on the Victoria and San Francisco runs in the near future. In summer months the pressing necessity for either more or faster and larger ships on the route has been apparent for some time, especially in the season of excursions when the present vessels in service have had more business than they could conveniently handle. The new steamers which are soon to be ordered will be between 3,000 and 4,000 tons, and will have accommodations for more than 300 first class passengers. J. C. Ford, general manager of the company at Seattle, in an interview with the Post-Intelligencer is quoted as saying: "We have been figuring for some time on having two big modern steamers. There was some talk for a time of purchasing two Atlantic boats now in operation, but there were details which we thought absolutely necessary for our ships which were lacking in the Eastern ones, and so that plan fell through. Such liners as we need will cost more than \$1,000,000 each, and will take a year to build. While we could use these vessels to great advantage if we had them at present, still we will be

able to get along with the boats now on the run until we can replace them with thoroughly up-to-date steamers."

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"While I cannot say definitely just how soon the contracts for the steamers will be given out, the matter has progressed so far in the deliberations of the company that plans have been talked over and it is possible that in the near future we will ask some builders to submit proposals and plans for the work."

REPORT DISCREDITED.

The report published in the Colonial of the arrival of the British coal laden barque Dunearn at Sitka is discredited on the Sound. The Colonial says that the report was received by the Colonist City, but a Port Townsend dispatch says: "Officers of the steamer Cottage City, which arrived on Friday from Juneau, had heard nothing of the arrival of the vessel, and this has caused shipping men on Puget Sound to doubt the authenticity of the reported arrival of the vessel. It is admitted that the vessel has had sufficient time to reach Sitka since she was spoken off Pitmeairn island, but it is thought that the arrival of a square-rigged vessel from Europe is such a novelty in the northern port, that the news of the vessel's safe arrival would have reached Juneau quickly."

Probably on the strength of the first report the Dunearn has been taken off the reinsurance list.

MARINE NOTES.

The big ocean going tug Richard Holroyde had a narrow escape from being wrecked on Friday night. She went on the Port Blakely reef at high tide and was fast there from 4:30 o'clock Friday evening until 4:30 o'clock Saturday morning, when with the assistance of a square-rigged vessel from Europe it was such a novelty in the northern port, that the news of the vessel's safe arrival would have reached Juneau quickly."

R. M. S. Empress of India arrived from China and Japan this afternoon, after an uneventful passage. She brought 24 saloon, 32 intermediate and 207 steerage passengers.

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Samuel Lorimer and W. Loveridge leave by the Charmer to-night for Vancouver, where they will make a tour by the steamer Princess May to Atlin. Mr. Lorimer is well known in this city, particularly in athletic circles, being a prominent member of the Victoria football and lacrosse team. Mr. Loveridge is a member of the Capital Athletic Club and belongs to the intermediate basketball team, as well as the intermediate association football team. The Victoria Lacrosse Club will accompany them to the boat.

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**HARRY LINDLEY OPENS IN "SPECIAL DEPOSIT"**

Excellent Performance by the Veteran's Company in the A.O.U.W. Hall

Last Evening.

Veteran Harry Lindley, the actor who for more than three decades has entertained audiences of Canada and the United States, led his company into popular favor at the A. O. U. W. hall last night. The opening bill was "A Special Deposit," a drama which gave all the members of the company opportunities to display their ability. Mr. Lindley had the role of John Dunn, a limb of the law, and of course was responsible for most of the merriment. Little Mystic, who several years ago showed her cleverness in some amusement place, had the part of Jimmy Dunn, the irreducible archie, and certainly gave evidence of marked improvement. The part of Kitty Gorman was in the capable hands of Miss Nellie Long, who filled the role most creditably. Of the other members of the company Ward B. Matties as Joe Gorman, R. L. Deeks as the hero and Frank G. Long as the villain, certainly scored well with the audience. The remaining parts were in good hands. Altogether the company is an excellent one, and well worth seeing. "A Special Deposit" will be presented again this evening, while the comedy, "My Uncle From Japan," will hold the boards to-morrow evening.

Coronation Concert, Party.

The Coronation Glee and Concert party, which arrived in America after the coronation for an extended tour as far west as the Pacific coast, is under the direction of Edward Branscombe, lay-vicar of Westminster Abbey, who successfully organized and directed the Westminster Abbey Choir Glee and Concert party last season. The Coronation Choir party is larger in numbers, and the boy voices have increased. It is composed of the principal adult singers and leading boy voices who sang at the coronation of their Majesties King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra on April 9th. Of the adults Madame Marie Hoseton and Mr. Branscombe will be familiar, but Alfred Arden is one of the finest baritones in England, and in addition to the choir singing, has gained fame in operatic works, while James Leyland, the tenor, has a magnificent voice with splendid high notes. The male alto solo by Peter Goss will be an absolute novelty. Of the boys Master Leonard Hubbard and Master Reginald Hyde are the two finest boy sopranos in England. The concert here will be held to-night and to-morrow night at the Victoria theatre.

A few particulars as to the programme for the concert may be of interest. The part music will include the following: Madrigals, "Now Is the Month of May"; composed so long ago as the 16th century, by Thos. Morley; "This Pleasant Month of May," William Byrd (1515); glee, "Oh By Rivers," Sir Henry Bishop; "The Bells of St. Michael's Tower," William Knayett (1770-1856); "When Allen-a-Dale Went a Hunting," R. L. de Pearsall (1795-1856), in addition to such modern part songs as "The Dawn of Day," Samuel Beaufort, and "Sweet and Low," Sir Joseph Barnby, and "Oh, Hush Thee My Baby," Sir Arthur Sullivan. In the solo department such old and familiar favorites as "The Oak and the Ash," "Dooey the Burn,"

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### VALUABLE MEMENTO GIVEN TO MR. HOBSON

The Members of the Provincial Mining Association Decide He Shall Wear Diamonds.

The members of the Provincial Miners' Association of British Columbia last night fittingly acknowledged the services which John B. Hobson had rendered the organization. In a manner perfectly in keeping with the character of the men who composed the association, they did honor to the man whom they are proud to acknowledge as the father of the organization. A heavy gold ring mounted with a very valuable diamond was given him at a gathering of the delegates to the convention held in the Driftwood last evening. The ring is inscribed as follows: "Presented to J. B. Hobson, Founder of the Provincial Miners' Association of B. C., 1903."

Shortly after eight o'clock the friends gathered in the parlor and with William J. Robinson as master of ceremonies the meeting was organized. With J. B. Hobson in the seat of honor at the head of the room, and Mr. Robinson on his right and John Keen, the president, on the left, short appreciative speeches were delivered.

Mr. Robinson opened by stating that they were gathered to express their appreciation of the founder of the organization.

A. L. Belyea said he had been a fellow worker with their mutual friend, Mr. Hobson, from the inception of the association to the present day. He was glad to say they were still together in harness. He spoke for Victoria. It had done its part well. The work was accomplished. They had now gathered to express their appreciation of Mr. Hobson. The speaker had great expectations for the association. For years British Columbians had been laboring under a cloud. They met to discuss, not what was to blame, not upon whom they would visit vengeance, but to devise a remedy. They got together for the first time a body of men who knew what they wanted, and had discussed matters together. The convention was over. The executive had got down to work. Mr. Hobson had contributed more than anyone else financially and in every other way. He was first, last and always in the work of furthering the mining industry. The speaker had been in this country fifteen years. He had seen it go up and go down, down, down, until it had reached its lowest depth of commercial depression. The days of depression had, he believed, passed and British Columbia would forge ahead. They had to-day, he believed, started on the upward road. If so, it was due to the money, the talents and the brains of the men who had been gathered here. The time had now come, he believed, when men of money would not have to be induced to come in, but when they would seek to get in.

John Keen, being called upon to make the testimonial speech, said that they had a great deal to thank Mr. Hobson for that they were here at all. The circular letter sent out taught them that if they met together they could form a bulwark of a middle class between capital and labor and prevent a clash. They had seen done during the convention what had never been seen before in this province, they had seen representatives of both capital and labor meet together and express their opinions in a moderate manner. They were gathered as doctors. It next year it was found that the patient was not better, they would diagnose again, and if they did not succeed then they would resort to surgery.

He introduced the story of a mining friend of his who was ever hopeful that the day would come when they two would wear diamonds. His friend's time had not yet come, but he hoped it would. John B. Hobson had worked well. "He deserves to wear diamonds," said the speaker, and, producing the diamond ring and presenting it to Mr. Hobson, he continued, "he has reaped his reward, for he shall wear diamonds."

Mr. Hobson was taken by surprise.

The gathering rose and sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." It was well they did, for the recipient of the gift could not speak. Surprise and deep gratitude were written on his face and in every motion of his body, as he attempted to control himself to reply. When the singing ceased Mr. Hobson said:

"Mr. President, Gentlemen and Fellow Members of the Provincial Mining Association: There comes a time when the tongue fails to express the sentiments of the heart. This time is mine at this moment.

"I had not anticipated that I would be presented with any token of regard from the members of this convention. I did not feel that my labors deserved it. I simply have done my duty as a patriotic resident of the province. The depressed state of the mining industry induced me to make an effort to better its condition and I trust that our united efforts will be rewarded."

"Gentlemen, I heartily appreciate the beautiful gift you have made me. It is not for the intrinsic worth of a present

of its kind that makes it dear to my heart, but it is the sentiment which accompanied it, which I know is spontaneous from you all."

Mr. Robinson, bearing a large silver loving cup, handed it to Mr. Hobson, saying: "I present you with the loving cup, from which we will all drink." All would drink to the wock which was the greatest in the province of British Columbia.

An hour more was spent in an informal manner with songs, speeches and stories interspersed. Smith Curtis spoke on the worth of the convention.

Horace W. C. Wells, chief commissioner of lands and works, in his address said he had never witnessed anything in his life which had been conducted with the business-like methods that had characterized the convention. The legislature of this province largely depended upon the recommendations of that body. No legislature or government could resist the demands of such an organization.

He would always be ready to listen to their demands. He, as well as his colleagues, would listen to their demands and be ready to act on them.

Never did Mr. Robinson allow the interest to flag. With an unfailing fund of stories and recitations he delighted the audience.

The contributors to the fund were as follows: William J. Robinson, Jas. Reid, A. C. Galt, Frank W. Alexander, A. C. Hirschfeld, John Hopp, B. A. Lasell, J. E. Bate, Robt. R. Healey, A. O. Elmerford, L. W. Shattorf, Albert J. Goodell, H. Carey, G. A. Hartman, A. E. Howes, A. B. Fraser, sr., Wm. Brown, E. G. Prior, Smith Curtis, Edmund B. Kirby, Frank Richards, Abram O. Smith, E. P. Gilman, B. R. Skinner, H. Grinnell, M. W. Loveridge, James Stables, F. M. Dockrell, H. H. Brackett, G. A. Brickett, John Keen, A. L. Belcher, John Dean, F. Keffler, Rowland Machin, T. J. Smith, A. G. McCandless, Stephen Jones, F. T. Lantz, F. A. Devereaux, J. Meinecke, H. C. Bellinger, H. G. Seaman, Geo. P. McDonald, R. Marsh, H. W. E. Canavan, R. R. Bruce, James Patterson, Robt. Irving, W. S. Dwyer, H. G. Ashby, Henry Croft, Wm. Adams, D. W. Higgins, J. W. Astley, H. Cuthbertson, Leslie Hill, C. Dubois Mason.

The ring is a very pretty one, made by Challenor & Mitchell. It is moreover, a very costly one, and one which it goes without saying Mr. Hobson values most highly.

## PROVINCIAL NEWS.

### NELSON.

The Kootenay River Lumber Company, organized by Jos. Genelle, managing director of the Yale-Columbia Company, and John Billings, secretary of the aforesaid company, have purchased the Nelson Saw & Planing Mills in this city. A new mill is to be put up here with a capacity of 40,000 feet per diem, and a complete saw and door factory plant will also be installed.

### ROSSLAND.

The matter of firemen's salaries has been adjusted to the satisfaction of all parties. Four firemen are to receive \$70 per month and Joe Martin is appointed foreman and electrician at a salary of \$80 per month. Assistant Chief Collins leaves the department, and it is not the intention of the council to replace him at this juncture. The council has approved of the programme as set forth above. Charles Collins goes to Anchorage, Mont., to take a post with the Amalgamated Copper Company.

### VERNON.

Thus Weeks passed away on the Vernon Jubilee hospital on February 21st. Mr. Weeks came here from Shrewsbury, England, about a dozen years ago.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Kamloops at Revelstoke, among matters up for consideration was the call extended by the Presbyterian congregation there to the Rev. R. W. Craw. Mr. Craw accepted the call. Rev. C. W. Foote was ordained at this meeting of the Presbytery, and stationed at Kelowna, Rev. P. D. Muir going to Princeton, Rev. H. Scott to Lumby.

A pretty wedding was celebrated on Thursday morning at the English church when Miss Estelle Lambert and Mr. Raymond Fitzmaurice were married, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. J. B. Lambert, M. A., the bride's father.

### NAKUSP.

Nakusp, the centre of the lumbering industry of West Kootenay, has lately been the scene of considerable excitement with regard to the wholesale wrecking of fine timber limits along the Arrow lakes. On both sides of the lakes timber lands have recently been staked to the extent of thousands of acres. Applications have been made to the government for timber fifteen to twenty miles back from the Columbia river. Nearly every available block of good land has been located. The prices paid for timber have been good, some deals amounting to over \$100,000. The year will see the present capacity of the Arrow lake sawmills more than doubled. The loggers and others will build mills at Arrowhead, Nakusp and probably West Robson. Several shingle mills will also be erected as soon as the weather permits. The reason for this is the great demand

from the Northwest Territories for Kootenay lumber and shingles. Spokane and other American capital is becoming interested in the Kootenay lumber industry.

### VANCOUVER.

Mrs. Gould died yesterday Monday of heart disease. She had been married to Wm. Gould, of Ladner, only a few days. She was formerly married to J. J. Blake, first city solicitor of Vancouver, and before that married to A. Pawcock.

Provincial Officer McKinnon, of Ladysmith arrived over the line on Saturday with a patient from Ladysmith for the Insane Asylum in charge. Shortly before the steamer arrived in port the man suddenly jumped up from his seat and made a determined attempt to enter one of the cabins. Mr. McKinnon tried to persuade him to sit down again, but the poor man became very violent, and struck the officer repeatedly. Several passengers went to McKinnon's assistance, but the patient had to be bound hand and foot before he could be kept quiet, and even in his bound state he managed to give the officer a good deal of trouble.

### NEW WESTMINSTER.

The death occurred here on Sunday of Robert Cross, aged 86 years. Deceased was a native of Ireland, but emigrated to Canada, becoming a pioneer of Wellington county, Ontario. Fourteen years ago he removed here where several of a large family reside, the sons being owners of the floating drydock.

Edith Muir of Sooke, died in the hospital here on Monday from consumption.

The death occurred at the Royal Columbian hospital on Friday of Archie Stiles. The deceased was a native of Oxford, England, aged 23 years. He came to Canada in 1885, and about three years ago arrived to take up his residence in New Westminster. Of late, he was employed at the Royal City mills, which leaves two brothers and two sisters, of whom Albert and Mrs. Blackburn reside here, and Lancelet and Mrs. McLachlan live in Wooley, Wash. Mr. Stiles was a member of the West End lacrosse team.

### GREENWOOD.

The employees of the B. C. Copper Company's smelter at Greenwood presented Paul Johnson, late general manager of the Smelting Works, with a valuable gold watch, chain and charm on Saturday afternoon, on the occasion of his retirement from the management.

Mr. Johnson entertained all the employees at a dinner at the Hotel Armstrong in the evening.

At a special meeting of the members of the Greenwood board of trade, twelve members of the Greenwood Progressive Association, which is to be amalgamated with the board of trade, were admitted as members of the former organization. A resolution to appoint delegates to next month's meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade was carried, and it was agreed that the present officers of the board retain office until the time for the customary annual general meeting of the board.

H. P. Griffin, acting under instructions from A. K. Sturt, collector of exhibits for the Dominion, is here making a collection of mineral specimens for the St. Louis exhibition.

A party of V. V. & E. railway surveyors is camped at Boundary Falls. It is stated that they will at once proceed with the final location and cross-sectioning of the proposed line of railway from Midway to Greenwood.

### HAPPINESS IN THE FAMILY.

#### DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURED MOTHER AND DAUGHTER.

Mrs. S. Barnum Tells How Her Backache Disappeared and Her Daughter Found Health.

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## Daniel Webster

on one of his college vacations, was asked by his father to help him mow. After several vain attempts, he told his father that the scythe did not hang right.

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## FARMERS ARE NOW CONVENING HERE

### CENTRAL INSTITUTE HELD FIRST MEETING

#### The List of Delegates in Attendance— The Lieut.-Governor Delivers an Address.

The Central Farmers' Institute convened this morning in the office of the deputy minister of agriculture. There were present the following delegates: T. A. Brydon, Victoria; John Stewart, Nanaimo; A. J. Fraser, Metchosin; Donald Matheson, Spallumcheen; J. B. Cade, Mission; H. R. Phillips, Matsqui; E. C. Copley Thompson, Okanagan; C. T. Higginson, Chilliwack; W. J. Brandreth, Burford; W. C. Duncan, Cowichan; Capt. W. F. Stewart, Richmond; H. Harris, Langley; Jos. Whelpton, V. D. Curry, Kamloops; H. W. Rayner, Osoyoos; Harry Woodward, Alberni, and T. Collins, Williams Lake.

His Worship, in a few appropriate words, heartily welcomed the delegates to the city. He said he had had business dealings with the farmers for the past twenty years, and was able, therefore, to pay a sincere tribute to their honesty. Out of the thousands of dollars involved in his dealings with them he had never lost fifty dollars. He congratulated the farmers on their prosperity, and hoped they would have a profitable session.

E. C. Thompson was elected president, T. Collins secretary and M. Raymer assistant secretary.

The deputy minister advised the going about the business promptly and thus get out of the way of the Fruit Growers' Association, which would be held on the 5th and 6th. He advised the appointment of a committee to decide upon the subjects to be discussed.

A committee of five was appointed to consider subjects to be brought up at the meeting.

Capt. Stewart urged that the committee proceed very carefully in the matter of selecting subjects. None should be cut out that could be avoided. He urged that the committee consist of five rather than two, as moved by Mr. Collins.

The motion decided in favor of a committee of five.

The following were appointed by the chairman: T. Collins, C. T. Higginson, W. C. Duncan, Capt. Stewart and D. Matheson.

The meeting then adjourned until 11 o'clock in order to give the committee an opportunity to settle business.

Upon resuming His Honor Sir Henry Joly de Lotbiniere attended the meeting.

Duncan Anderson, superintendent of institutes, said that the report of last year was not compiled. A difficulty had been encountered in getting a full report of the important speeches delivered at the institute meetings. He urged that this be remedied in future, and that important speeches be fully reported. Secretaries were often remiss in their duty, and he hoped they would make their reports more promptly in future. The position of secretary was of great importance. The membership should be increased. The membership for 1901 was 1,432, and for 1902 it was 1,501. This increase was not what it should be.

The local institutes at Victoria, Cowichan and 120, Okanagan, the attendance at these institutions, however, had been very satisfactory. One hundred and forty-four meetings were held in 1901 and one hundred and eight in 1902 last year. The evening meetings seemed to be more popular than those of the afternoon. This was not following the example of the east, where in some instances two-day meetings were held. In 1901, 231 addresses were given and in 1902 277.

The Salmon Arm institute had been disbanded. The Delta one had been suspended, but was being rehabilitated. The Bella Coola institute was instituted, but no speakers were being sent, it being impossible to send them to such a distance. Lillooet was organizing an institute also.

He was arranging for the spring meetings to take place during March and April as the most suitable time. He did not expect that any eastern speakers would be available for that. He had arranged, however, to get some good speakers from the United States. Hon. G. L. Smith, Dr. Waddington and Prof. French. The fall meetings would be held right after the fall elections. He spoke of the great trials which were given to the eastern judges and speakers. Duncan Anderson, who had been sent to North Yakima had been pronounced by those interested as the best who had ever attended them in that capacity. He had endeavored to get western institute speakers as well as eastern men. It was found a difficult task to get many to do so. Dr. Tolmie had given great satisfaction. It was intended that an exchange might be made some time with eastern speakers. He had arranged meetings at centres where they gave great satisfaction. Descriptive pamphlets of districts had been recommended by him. The Island had undertaken this, and had sent copies to England and elsewhere, and would do much to induce settlers to come. He

thought districts might work along this line. Dr. Tolmie had been appointed an additional dairy inspector, and the work was thus better carried out.

Referring to his visits to the fruit stock show in the east, he said he had seen much which might be copied in this country. While they were perhaps not prepared for such a show as that, he thought something might be undertaken before long. The erection of suitable buildings must be considered in connection with this. He had conferred with the Dominion government upon some matters, notably that of the question of Angora goats. Hon. Mr. Fisher promised to consider this question, no provision having been made with respect to the exemption of such from duties. He also brought up the question of postage on literature from the Farmers' Institute, which had been overlooked. The regulations respecting the San Jose scale were also considered. The subject of seed was discussed, and he hoped to have some lectures upon this. More attention should be paid to selection of seeds, so as to avoid weeds being introduced and getting vital seeds. He reported also upon the Northwest Fruit Growers' Association meeting. He had been impressed with the importance of the methods of picking. The fruit growers were much behind in this.

The question of scrub bulls and wild horses in the upper country had been brought to his attention. He was sending out a circular asking for information on the subject of scrub bulls.

Bullfights were being issued on various subjects. One had just been issued on wild mustard and methods of dealing with it. Others were following on fruit trees, etc. He referred to the success which had attended the enforcement of the Fruit Markers' Act of the Dominion government.

The following shareholders were present: Senator W. J. McDonald, Noah Shakespeare, H. J. Knott, T. W. Martin, Dr. Le Mesurier, of Victoria. Wm. Manson, Wm. Woodman and E. J. Flatt, of Nanaimo. T. J. Trapp, T. S. Amanda and H. A. Eastman, of New Westminster. A. F. Beauchamp, A. E. Bell, T. J. Williams, C. A. Caland, T. S. Smith, Thomas Duke, H. C. Alexander, A. B. Snider, Harry Duncan, Dr. D. H. Wilson, George Ward, F. Lovick, W. H. Malkin, Geo. Martin, R. H. Duke, J. B. McCullum and Geo. Grant, of Vancouver.

The Secretary read the report of the Directors and the financial statements for the year 1902.

The President then said:

Gentlemen.—Before moving the adoption of the reports as read, I wish to say that the past year has gone into history as a prosperous year for Canada, a year in which the country's right sense of values and sympathy has made a great advance. At the same time, a very important part of the country's economy has gone through a severe depression. I refer to East and West Kootenay, which occupies Boundary country, caused, first, by the depression in the Silver-Domestic Market, followed by the great strike of the coal miners in East Kootenay, immediately followed by the long fuel and practically tied almost all of the great smelting and mining industries of the province for several months.

During the same period the coal mining industries of Vancouver Island were seriously affected by the competition of oil and gas, in spite of their drawbacks we were almost deluged with applications for loans throughout the whole Island.

One important lesson learned is that we can go through a depression without any appreciable loss of capital or value of our company. In fact, there was no loss of one single loan which had to be foreclosed in the whole Island, and in this case the property sold readily for the full amount of our claim and costs.

The total amount of interest in arrears in all the towns and cities of the district to which I have already referred, is so insignificant that it could have been written off entirely.

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